



MINUTES FOR HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSION FOR VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES

Thursday, 5 January 2017

ATTENDANCE: Bob Moore, Greg Jolissaint, Reg Avery, Jonathan Branch, Bob Gillette, Wanda Riddle, Lisa Terry, Robert Lowell, Michael Blum, Alison Buckley, GUESTS: Chris Yates, Tom Glenn, Ed Hall (Commander American Legion Post 156), Larry Killen (Commander Joint Military Command)

Meeting called to order by Wanda at 1856 (Howard was absent)

Tom Glenn was recognized as a guest, and introduced himself as a Vietnam War veteran and author. He made a short presentation.

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes from the December 2016 were read and approved. Motioned for approval by Reg and seconded by Jonathan

Next meeting is scheduled for 2 February and 2 March. The Veterans Resource Fair is scheduled for 4 April 2017

Lisa discussed the business cards that will be created for commission members. Lisa will check with the county to see if they can print them. Alyson showed a mock up of the proposed cards. Discussion followed regarding how to pay for the cards.

Save the Dates have been sent out for the Veterans Resource fair to county leadership. The County Executive is scheduled to speak. Lisa also said that we would be using the 50+ Center for breakout sessions.

Discussion followed about whether to have breakout sessions with the Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program. Also, discussed was whether to have the vendors present about what they offer. Also, it was discussed about whether to have the Resource Fair at the 50+ Center. Lisa said that she would look into that.

Tom Glenn volunteered to be the keynote speaker at the Veterans Resource Fair. We are still considering other speakers and Tom is standing by should he be needed.

Bob updated us on the progress of the veteran monument. There is agreement on the location of the monument with the Howard Hughes corporation. The location is proposed between the fountain and the Whole Foods Market. The bank account for donations is open at SunTrust.

There was an update on Veterans Day activities with the Howard County school system.

It was proposed that Gold Star families be invited to our commission meetings. Teresa Mills, a Gold Star mother is interested in attending, but has not been able to.

Ms. Linda Watts wanted information about tax credits for veterans, as proposed by the County Executive. Lisa has talked to her.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commission annual report is due by the end of January. If commission members have any information to be included in the report, it should be forwarded to Howard by the end of the week.

Fundraising ideas for the commission, especially for the monument, was discussed. Bob mentioned that a wide-range marketing campaign was in the plans. He solicited any ideas from commission members. Contributions can be sent to: Howard County Veterans Foundation, INC. PO BOX 322 Lisbon, MD 21765

The Fort Meade 100 year Anniversary kicks off June 2017. No real updates.

Chris requested any updates about the possible closing of the Fort Meade Museum. The Fort Meade command does not want to close it.

Ed discussed projects being sponsored by Post 156. One is a Boy Scout venturing group. The other is a presentation for WWII Marine Corps veterans (also for Korean War veterans and the Marine Corps Cryptologic Society)

It was suggested that a color guard be included for the Veterans Resource Fair

Reg mentioned that the Maryland State PTA will meet in Howard County in July.

Meeting adjourned by Wanda at 2000

Submitted by: Jonathan K. Branch